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### Netherlands Revolt Against Spain

The 17 provinces that made up the duchy of Burgundy were (in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> Cen.) the most commercially advanced in Europe. They were also part of the Habsburg empire ruled by Philip II of Spain. He made clear his intention to bring them together in a centralized union obedient to him. He also meant to introduce the Inquisition into an essentially Calvinist population. The Netherlands (northern provinces)

revolted, led by the prince of Orange, William the Silent.  
It began in Brabant & Flanders in 1562.

By 1574 the rebels had succeeded in  
expelling the Spanish garrisons

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When she was 39, Queen Elizabeth had near fatal case of small pox which left her face pockmarked.

## 1562 Wars of Religion Start in France

For nearly 40 yrs France was absorbed in a series of petty and uninclusive wars, fought between noble factions for control of the throne and bringing in their train the long struggle of the French Protestants, or Huguenots, for religious and civil liberty. Trouble started in 1559 with the death of Henry II, which left the crown in the hands of his widow, Catherine de' Medici, and their weak sons, Francis II, Charles IX and Henry III. The provincial nobility, resentful of

central authority, saw its opportunity to make gains  
in a Country rendered unstable by the economic  
costs of the long Habsburg - Valois war and the  
growing strength of the Calvinist Church. Determined  
fighting, prolonged by intervention of Spain and Rome on  
the side of the Catholic monarchy, and England, Holland  
and some German princes on the Huguenot side took  
and in 1562. It was the bloodiest in the Third War (1568/70)  
which ended in substantial Huguenot gains. By the  
Treaty of St.- Germain (1570), they were given the right  
to fortify 4 citadels. Losses over the next 3  
decades were made good in 1598 when the was  
ended and Henry IV granted the Huguenots almost  
full tolerance in the EDICT OF NANTES

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Third session of Council of Trent, in which no Protestants take part.

Massacre of Vassy opens French wars of religion